

The Bone and Joint Decade: 2000-2010
The United Nations has endorsed a Decade to focus attention on
worldwide epidemic of musculoskeletal diseases
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In January this year, the Bone and Joint Decade was launched in Geneva by the World Health Organization. The Decade was initiated because of the epidemic of musculoskeletal disease that is occurring worldwide as the population ages. In late November 1999, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, signed the UN Declaration of Support for the Decade.

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